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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON FUND
MEETING NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 8

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1. BASED ON GENRERAL CONVERSATION AUG 18 WITH CONCERNED
MFA OFFICIAL AND PREVIOUS EMBASSY EXPERIENCE ON RELATED
SUBJECTS, FOLLOWING ARE OUR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED
PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. GOE AGENCIES MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED IN COMMON FUND
POLICY MATTERS ARE MFA AND MINTRADE, ALONG WITH EGYPTIAN
MISSION IN GENEVA. POSITIONS ON THIS AND RELATED QUESTIONS
ARE THRASHED OUT BASICALLY AT UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL BETWEEN
MFA AND MINTRADE, WITH FINAL APPROVAL OF POLICY-RELATED
ISSUES BEING ACCORDED OCCASIONALLY AT LEVEL OF FONMIN OR
EVEN DEPPRIMIN FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
USUALLY, HOWEVER, SUCH SENIOR APPROBATION IS NOT REQUIRED
BECAUSE EGYPTIAN POSITIONS NORMALLY ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH
PREVIOUSLY-DETERMINED G-77 VIEWS. THREE KEY SENIOR
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SUB-MINISTERIAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED ARE MFA DIRECTOR
OF DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
AMB.WAFIK HOSNI, MINTRADE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DR. MANSOUR FAHMY AND GOE GENEVA REP
AMB. OMRAN EL SAHFEI.

3. IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER GOE OFFICIALS FROM CAIRO

WILL ATTEND NOVEMBER COMMON FUND MEETING, BUT THIS IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY UNLESS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS TOWARD FORMALIZATION OF FINANCING CONCEPT IS MADE. MOST PROBABLY AMB. SHAFEI WILL CARRY BALL FOR GOE, AND WILL BE WITHOUT DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS. HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW OUTLINES OF G-77 POSITION. WE ARE OF OPINION THAT GOE COULD BE INDUCED TO INFORM ITS DELEGATION MORE CLOSELY ON USG VIEWS IF DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUE WERE HELD HERE FROM TIME TO TIME ON BASIS OF AUTHORITATIVE AND DETAILED POSITION PAPERS MADE AVAILABLE TO KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS. INFORMATIONAL EFFORT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN INSTRUCTIONS TO GOE DELEGATION TO CHANGE BASIC POLICY STANCE; RATHER, SUCH INFORMATION FROM USG COULD BE USEFUL AT MARGIN IN INFLUENCING GOE RECEPTIVITY TO OUR INITIATIVES AT CONFERENCE.

4. IN LIGHT OF IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT COULD WELL BE USEFUL TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS IN CAIRO ON COMMON FUND ISSUES WITH SELECTED KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN MFA. TIMING IS NOT CRUCIAL, BUT PROBABLY BEST RESULTS COULD BE GAINED BY EXPERT-LEVEL BRIEFINGS JUST PRIOR TO CONFERENCE, I.E., IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. IN THIS CONNECTION, CONTINUING SUPPLY OF INFORMATION ON USG ATTITUDES AND INITIATIVES DURING COURSE OF CONFERENCE ALSO WOULD BE USEFUL IN KEEPING GOE INFORMED, WITH VIEW TOWARD CAIRO
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PROVIDING SUCH POLICY STATEMENTS TO ITS DELEGATION ON AT LEAST FYI BASIS.
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